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Security Council

3 p.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

Cyprus

Other matters

Afternoon[1]	5589th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan

Afternoon[2]	5590th meeting (closed)	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

[2] To be held following the adjournment of the 5589th meeting.

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

3 p.m.	177th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 6

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m.	78th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations: draft resolution (A/61/L.48/Rev.1) [104]

3 p.m.	79th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. University for Peace: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/61/404) [28]
2. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/61/405) [29]
3. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/61/406) [30]
4. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/61/407) [31]
5. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/61/408) [32]

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6. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/61/409) . . . . . [33]

7. Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/61/410) . . . . . [34]

8. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/61/411) . . . . . [35]

9. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/61/412) . . . . . [36]

10. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/61/413) . . . . . [37]

11. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/61/414) . . . . . [38]

12. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/61/415) . . . . . [39]

13. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/61/416) . . . . . [110]

14. Programme planning: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/61/417) . . . . . [118]

15. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: draft resolution (A/61/L.45) . . . . . [69]

    (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolutions (A/61/L.42, A/61/L.44 and A/61/L.46)

    (d) Assistance to the Palestinian people: draft resolution (A/61/L.47)

16. Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/61/227/Add.1) . . . . . [105 (a)]

17. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences . . . . . [106 (f)]

18. Appointment of the members of the Consultative Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women . . . . . [106 (g)]

General Assembly
Sixty-first session

An informal briefing for Member States on the report of the High-level Group for the Alliance of Civilizations will be held on Monday, 18 December 2006, from 3.30 to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, with the participation of the Prime Ministers of Spain and Turkey. A letter from the President of the General Assembly was sent by facsimile to all Permanent Representatives and Observers to the United Nations, on Monday, 11 December 2006.

General Assembly
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Informal Working Group on Mandate Review

3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Human resources management (A/61/255, A/61/255/Add.1, A/61/255/Add.1/Corr.1, A/61/228, A/61/257, A/61/257/Add.1, A/61/257/Add.2, A/61/257/Add.3, A/61/319, A/61/274, A/61/201, A/61/537, A/60/310, A/59/716, A/59/786, A/60/861, A/59/388, A/60/262, A/59/724, A/59/526 and A/59/526/Add.1))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007: Capital master plan (A/61/549, A/61/5 (Vol. V), A/61/595, A/61/264 (Part I), A/61/263 (Part I)/Add.1, A/61/264 (Part I)/Add.2, A/60/288, A/60/5 (Vol. V), A/58/556, A/58/712, A/59/161, A/59/420 and A/59/556))

6 p.m. . . . . Informal "informal" consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/61/11, A/61/68, A/60/140, A/60/140/Corr.1, A/58/189, A/56/767 and A/C.5/61/11))

Credentials Committee

3–4 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

[Documents A/60/877 and A/61/494]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Draft report
2. Working paper on extrabudgetary posts
3. Revised estimates resulting from the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-ended ad hoc expert group on the consideration of the content of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

[Document E/CN.18/AC.1/2006/1]

Economic and Social Council

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations, convened by the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Ali Hachani (Tunisia), *today*, 14 December 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, on the themes for the 2007 substantive session of the Council.

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the 2007 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (22 January-2 February 2007) *today*, 14 December 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m., and *tomorrow*, 15 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1402 (DC1 Building).

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (16-18 January 2007) will take place *today*, 14 December 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The briefing will focus, in particular, on the following agenda items: UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the biennium ended 31 December 2005 and the report of the Board of Auditors (item 8 on the provisional annotated agenda); Supplementary support budget for crisis management and business continuity capacity (item 9 on the provisional annotated agenda); Integrated approaches for achieving the Millennium Development Goals: lessons from Africa (special focus item) (item 4 on the provisional annotated agenda); Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative (item 6 on the provisional annotated agenda); and Provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the session are contained in document E/ICEF/2007/1. All delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations convened by delegations

Thursday, 14 December 2006

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (A/61/L.41), under agenda item 62 (b) (convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Giza Gaspar Martins (Angola))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Other meetings

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Thursday, 14 December 2006

United Nations Development Programme (informal consultation on the UNDP Strategic Plan)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Group of 77 (on the resumed session of the Economic and Social Council)

2–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (briefing by the World Society for the Protection of Animals)

3–4 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

JUSCANZ Group (on the open-ended ad hoc expert group of the United Nations Forum on Forests)

2–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Other activities

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Thursday, 14 December 2006

Briefing on "AIDS in Latin America" (organized by the Permanent Mission of El Salvador with the support of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS))

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All delegations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Dr. Victor Ortega, UNAIDS (e-mail vortega@unicef.org).]

2006 United Nations 21 Awards Ceremony (organized by the Department of Management)

At 3.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[The Deputy Secretary-General will address the ceremony. All Secretariat staff are invited to attend.].

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

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Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General-designate of the United Nations

Forthcoming official meetings

Friday, 15 December 2006

General Assembly

Tenth emergency special session (resumed)

10 a.m. . . . . 30th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory . . . . . [5]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/ES-10/361)

(b) Draft resolution (A/ES-10/L.20)

(c) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/625)

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 32nd meeting on Friday, 15 December 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the formal meeting, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Resumed session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold a resumed session on Monday, 18 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to consider the findings of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse. For further information, please contact Ms. Jolanda Profos, DPKO (tel. 1 (917) 367-3689; e-mail profos@un.org).

Economic and Social Council

Informal "informals" consultations

There will be informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Léo Mérorès (Haiti), on Friday, 15 December 2006, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8, on the report of the Committee for Development Policy.

Resumed substantive session for 2006

The next meeting of the resumed substantive session of the Economic and Social Council will be held on Friday, 15 December 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to take action on all remaining items before the Council.

Commemorative meeting

There will be a meeting of the Economic and Social Council to commemorate the International Human Solidarity Day, on Friday, 15 December 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Speakers will include H.E. Mrs. Haya Rashed Al-Khalifa, President of the General Assembly, Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Anwarul Chowdhury, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, and Mr. Ad Melkert, Associate Administrator, United Nations Development Programme. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact Ms. Ursula Germann, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-4285; e-mail germann@un.org).

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

First regular session

The first regular session of the Executive Board will take place from 16 to 18 January 2007 in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2007/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available at <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_25993.html>.

Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than *Friday, 5 January 2007*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNICEF, UNDP/UNFPA and WFP

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNICEF and UNDP/UNFPA, with the participation of WFP, will be held on Friday, 19 January, and on Monday, 22 January 2007, in Conference Room 2.

Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies, under agenda item 157 (convened by the delegation of Qatar)

Friday, 15 December 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (A/61/L.41), under agenda item 62 (b) (convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Giza Gaspar Martins (Angola))

Friday, 15 December 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Other forthcoming meetings

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United Nations Development Programme

First meeting in the process of consultation with Member States on the *Human Development Report 2007*

Friday, 15 December 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8; and

Second informal consultation on the evaluation of UNDP support to conflit-affected countries

Thursday, 4 January 2007, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Friends of the International Criminal Court (briefing by the Office of the Prosecutor of the Court)

Friday, 15 December 2006, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room A.

UNITAR/UNU Seminar on "The role and functions of the Secretary-General of the United Nations"

Monday, 18 December 2006, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8; and

Tuesday, 19 December 2006, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharina Goldschmidt, UNITAR (tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail goldschmidt@un.org).]

Eastern European Group (at the expert level) (on elections)

Monday, 18 December 2006, from 9.45 to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Latin American and Caribbean Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Monday, 18 December 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Other forthcoming activities

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Special event on the theme "The protection of migrants' rights: Opportunities and challenges in the wake of the high-level dialogue and the preparations for its follow-up", on the occasion of the International Migrants Day (co-sponsored by the NGO Committee on Migration and the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM))

Monday, 18 December 2006, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

[All are invited to attend.]

High-level panel discussion in observance of the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation, on the theme "New dynamics of South-South and triangular partnerships for development" (organized by the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, United Nations Development Programme)

Tuesday, 19 December 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[The panel discussion will be followed by the South-South Partnership Awards ceremony. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Rogel Nuguid, Special Unit for South-South Cooperation (tel. 1 (212) 906-6944; e-mail rogel.nuguid@undp.org); or visit the Web site of the Special Unit at the following address: <http://ssc.undp.org>.]

Announcements

Informal consultations of the secretariat of the First Committee on the content of the Web site of the Committee

The secretariat of the First Committee will hold informal consultations with interested delegations on the content of the Web site of the Committee, on Friday, 15 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room A. Hardcopies of the outline of the Web site ("QuickFirst") will be available at the secretariat of the First Committee (room S-2977) and will be distributed at the meeting. For further information, please contact the Secretary of the First Committee, Mr. Jarmo Sareva (tel. 1 (212) 963-5595).

Preparations for the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women (26 February–9 March 2007), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives to eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child; and (b) Capacity-building on mainstreaming a gender perspective in the development, implementation and evaluation of national policies and programmes for the elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae, which outline the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the panel discussions. It is kindly requested that the information be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail taylors@un.org; and/or volfova@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Monday, 8 January 2007*.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Tuesday, 5 December 2006, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 12 December 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

74th plenary meeting

Report of the Security Council (A/61/2) . . . . . [9]

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters . . . . . [111]

Joint debate

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda items 9 and 111.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Niger (on behalf of the African States), Malaysia, Algeria, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Argentina, India, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Bhutan, Belarus, the Republic of Korea, Denmark, Honduras, Indonesia, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Italy, Guatemala, Chile and France.

75th plenary meeting

Report of the Security Council (A/61/2) . . . . . [9]

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters . . . . . [111]

Joint debate

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda items 9 and 111.

Statements were made by the representatives of Poland, Portugal, Cambodia, South Africa, El Salvador, Kazakhstan, Iraq, Mauritius, Ghana, Uruguay, Spain, Nigeria, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the United Kingdom, Greece, Latvia, Norway, Rwanda, Sweden, Cyprus, Malta, Uganda and Paraguay.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Japan and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Security Council (A/61/2).

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 9.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 111.

Peacebuilding Commission

First session

Organizational Committee

3rd meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

The Organizational Committee heard statements by the representatives of Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Egypt, El Salvador, Guinea-Bissau, India, Jamaica, the Netherlands, Pakistan, the Russian Federation and the United Kingdom.

The Organizational Committee decided to extend an invitation to Belgium as a member of the Burundi country-specific meetings of the Commission, under operative paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 60/180 (A/RES/60/180), as of 1 January 2007.

The Organizational Committee also decided to appoint the representative of the Netherlands as Chairman of the country-specific meetings on Sierra Leone.

Wednesday, 13 December 2006

Security Council

5587th meeting (closed) *Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B*

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 13 December 2006, the Security Council, pursuant to annex II, sections A and B of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 5587th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF).

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Ms. Lisa Buttenheim, Director of the Asia and Middle East Division of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations."

5588th meeting *Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)*

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (S/2006/906)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Albania, Finland, Serbia and Ukraine, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Joachim Rücker, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Joachim Rücker.

The Council heard a statement by Her Excellency Ms. Sanda Rašković-Ivić, President of the Coordination Center of the Republic of Serbia for Kosovo and Metohija.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, Argentina, the United States, Japan, the Russian Federation, Ghana, Greece, the United Republic of Tanzania, Slovakia, the Congo, Peru, China, the United Kingdom and Denmark and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Qatar.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Finland (speaking on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area and Moldova, which aligned themselves with this statement), Ukraine and Albania.

Her Excellency Ms. Rašković-Ivić made a further statement.

Mr. Rücker provided clarifications in response to comments and questions made.

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

76th plenary meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms: final report of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities (A/61/611) . . . . . [67 (b)]

(a) Draft resolution (para. 7)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/623)

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The Deputy Secretary-General delivered a message of the Secretary-General.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Iraq (on behalf of the Arab States), Jamaica, the Marshall Islands and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/61/611) (resolution 61/106).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Egypt, Peru, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Honduras, Nicaragua, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the United States.

Statements after the adoption were made by the representatives of New Zealand, Mexico, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and those countries which aligned themselves with the statement), Brazil (on behalf of the Southern Common Market), Croatia (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Costa Rica, South Africa, China, Uganda, Argentina, the Philippines, Chile, Indonesia, Ecuador, Israel, Liechtenstein, Colombia, Canada, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Algeria, El Salvador and San Marino.

The observer of the Observer State of the Holy See made a statement.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 67.

77th plenary meeting

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/483) . . . . . [110]

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), New Zealand (on behalf of CANZ), India, Tunisia, Pakistan, Egypt, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and those countries which aligned themselves with the statement), Yemen, San Marino, Honduras, Argentina, Brazil, Belarus, Colombia and Liechtenstein.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 110.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

31st meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller introduced the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/61/576).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/61/615).

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement), South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, Canada and New Zealand), the United States and Japan.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Controller replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be held under the chairmanship of Ms. Nonye Udo (Nigeria).

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [115]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.12, which had been coordinated by the representative of Egypt.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency . . . . . [120]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft decision A/C.5/61/L.7, which had been submitted by the Chairman.

Before the adoption of the draft decision, the Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision, as orally corrected.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [144]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/61/588).

The attention of the Committee was drawn to a letter dated to a letter dated 17 August 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly, issued as document A/60/986.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/61/616).

Statements were further made by the Controller and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the EFTA countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement), Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), Qatar, the United States, Japan, Brazil, Argentina and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Controller made concluding statements.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this sub-item at this stage.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this sub-item would begin on that day, Wednesday, 13 December, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, under the chairmanship of Ms. Nonye Udo (Nigeria).

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group) and Japan.

The Secretary of the Committee also made a statement.

Peacebuilding Commission

First session

Sierra Leone configuration

3rd meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of Sierra Leone made a statement.

The Executive Representative of the Secretary-General for Sierra Leone made a statement.

The Commission heard statements by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Ghana, Ireland, India, Denmark, Jamaica, France, Japan, Germany, Belgium, Italy, Angola, the United States and Egypt.

The Commission also heard statements by the representatives of the World Bank in Sierra Leone and the European Community, and by a representative from civil society.

The Chairman made a statement.

4th meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

The Executive Representative of the Secretary-General for Sierra Leone made a statement.

The Commission heard statements by the representatives of Sierra Leone, Guinea-Bissau, Indonesia, Brazil, Jamaica, Pakistan and the United Kingdom.

The Commission also heard statements by the representatives of the World Bank in Sierra Leone, the International Monetary Fund and the European Community.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support made a statement.

The Chairman introduced the Chairman's summary.

Statements were made by the representatives of India, Guinea-Bissau and Brazil.

The Executive Representative of the Secretary-General for Sierra Leone and the Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support made statements.

The Commission endorsed the Chairman's summary, as orally revised and amended.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006. Geneva, 27 January 2006

Signature: Switzerland (13 December 2006)

Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks. New York, 4 August 1995

Accession: Bulgaria (13 December 2006)[1]

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Ratification: Kyrgyzstan (12 December 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Niger
H.E. Mr. Aboubacar Ibrahim Abani

Asian States:
Malaysia
H.E. Mr. Hamidon Ali

Eastern European States:
Croatia
H.E. Mrs. Mirjana Mladineo

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Grenada
H.E. Ms. Ruth Elizabeth Rouse

Western European and other States:
Malta
H.E. Mr. Victor Camilleri

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With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 13 December 2006.

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A/61/PV.30	Meeting held on 27 October 2006, 9 a.m. [R]
A/61/PV.41	Meeting held on 26 October 2006, 3 p.m. [E]

First Committee

A/C.1/61/PV.21 Meeting held on 26 October 2006, 3 p.m. [R]

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A/61/408	Item 32 — Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories — Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]
A/61/439	Item 63 — Promotion and protection of the rights of children — Report of the Third Committee [A C E F R S]
A/61/441	Item 65 — Elimination of racism and racial discrimination — Report of the Third Committee [A C E F R S]
A/61/442	Item 66 — Right of peoples to self-determination — Report of the Third Committee [A C E F R S]
A/61/443	Item 67 — Promotion and protection of human rights — Report of the Third Committee [A C E F R S]
A/61/443/Add.1	Item 67 (a) — Promotion and protection of human rights: implementation of human rights instruments — Report of the Third Committee [A C E F R S]
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A/61/445	Item 99 — International drug control — Report of the Third Committee [A C E F R S]
A/61/525	Item 117 — Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/525/Add.5	Item 117 — Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council: United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/617	Item 139 — Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/61/618–S/2006/952	Items 11, 17, 27, 66 and 108 (o) — Prevention of armed conflict — The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan — Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development — Right of peoples to

	self-determination — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe — Letter dated 6 December 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/L.45	Item 69 — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance — Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: draft resolution — Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel [A C E F R S]
A/61/L.48	Item 104 — Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations — Croatia, Grenada, Malaysia, Malta and Niger: draft resolution — Tribute to Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations [A C E F R S]
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S/2006/943	Letter dated 29 November 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2006/944	Letter dated 1 December 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

A/61/618–S/2006/952	Letter dated 6 December 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) concerning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
S/AC.49/2006/9	Letter dated 13 November 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Singapore to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
S/AC.49/2006/14	Note verbale dated 14 November 2006 from the Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
S/AC.49/2006/15	Note verbale dated 14 November 2006 from the Permanent Mission of Hungary to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
S/AC.49/2006/16	Note verbale dated 15 November 2006 from the Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

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	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations 2007 regular session
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E/C.2/2007/2/Add.11	Quadrennial reports 2002-2005 submitted through the Secretary-General pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

E/C.2/2007/2/Add.14 Quadrennial reports 2002-2005 submitted through the Secretary-General pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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